

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled)

2. (previously presented) The structure according to claim 5, wherein said chromium-oxide passivation film having pin holes wherein pin holes of said chromium-oxide passivation film are filled.

3-4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) A structure, comprising:

a metallic material having a surface, the metallic surface having a surface roughness (Ra) being not more than $1.5\mu\text{m}$; and

a chromium-oxide passivation film formed by oxidizing a chromium film coated onto the metallic material surface ~~disposed on the metallic material, the chromium oxide passivation film consisting of an oxidized chromium coat deposited directly on the metallic material surface.~~

6. (currently amended) An article, comprising:

a metallic body having a surface, the metallic body surface having a surface roughness (Ra) being not more than $1.5\mu\text{m}$; and

a chromium-oxide passivation film formed by oxidizing a chromium film coated onto the metallic body surface ~~deposited on the metallic body, said chromium oxide passivation film being obtained by oxidizing a chromium coat deposited directly on the metallic body surface to thereby provide said chromium oxide passivation film consisting of an oxidized chromium coat deposit formed directly on the metallic body surface.~~

7-8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A structure, comprising:

a metallic body having a surface, the metallic body surface having a surface roughness (Ra) being not more than $1.5\mu\text{m}$; and

a chromium-oxide passivation film formed by oxidizing a chromium film coated onto the metallic body surface, wherein,

the metallic body surface defines a continuous boundary between the metallic body and the chromium-oxide deposit ~~disposed on the metallic body surface, said chromium oxide passivation film consisting of a chromium oxide deposit formed directly on the metallic body surface.~~

10-12. (canceled)

13. (new) A structure, comprising:

a metallic material having a surface, the metallic surface having a surface roughness (Ra) being not more than $1.5\mu\text{m}$; and

a chromium-oxide passivation film formed by oxidizing a chromium film coated onto the metallic material surface, wherein, at least an outermost surface of the chromium-oxide passivation film consisting of substantially 100% chromium-oxide.